REMARKS

Claims 22-41 are pending in the application.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-21 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; and new claims 22-41 are added.

These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

Request to Verify Change of Address

A "Change of Correspondence Address" has been filed in this application to direct the PTO to send correspondence to the correspondence address associated with Customer No. 00,136, which is the address set forth in the signature block below. If the "Change of Correspondence Address" has not been matched with the PTO's application file, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned counsel so that another copy can be provided. If the "Change of Correspondence Address" has been matched with the PTO file, it is requested that the Examiner verify that the information has been entered into the PTO mailing system so that future communications will be mailed to the correct address.

Conclusion

The application is now believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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